

## **MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS**

**Purpose:** Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (MFWP) conserves and manages fish and wildlife resources and administers parks and recreational areas for the benefit of Montanans and visitors to the state. Functions of the agency include issuing fishing, hunting, trapping and related licenses; enforcing laws and regulations related to fish, wildlife and parks; acquiring, developing, and maintaining wildlife management areas, state parks, recreational areas and managing and enhancing fish and wildlife populations.

**Authorities:** MCA - Title 87, Chapter 1, Parts 102, 201, 301, 502, 506 & 601.

### **Roles & Responsibilities:**

#### **Director's Office**

- Coordinate the state's response to wildlife animal disease outbreaks. [*Animal Disease*]
- Active member of the State Hazard Mitigation Team for establishing project priorities statewide, developing the mitigation strategy and locating any possible departmental funds for project completion. [*Mitigation Assistance*]

#### **All Divisions**

- Provide assessments regarding the conditions and utilization of roads, bridges, boat ramps, trails and waterways. [*Technical Assistance*]
- Assists in implementing the Montana Drought Plan as an active member of the Governor's DAC. [*Drought*]

#### **Enforcement Division**

- Act as a secondary means for other designated or primary forms of communication using available radios and cell phones. [*Communications*]
- Game wardens are trained as peace officers and may assist with SAR missions, incidents of a criminal nature or to provide security. [*Law Enforcement*]

#### **Field Services Division**

- Coordinate handling wildlife depredation or nuisance issues. [*Technical Assistance*]

#### **Parks Division**

- Provide heavy equipment resources to assist in maintaining the operability of transportation systems. [*Transportation*]